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Foreign students' fees won't rise

by Linda Gyulai

The Québec government made an about-face last Thursday and decided international students' tuition fees will not rise when the provincial tuition freeze is lifted.

The Québec Council of University Rectors and Principals (CREPUQ) relayed the government decision on international students by fax to Québec universities February 1, according to CREPUQ Director General Claire McNicholl. The message gave no reason for the turnaround.

McGill Association of International Students (MAIS) president

Lina Souki said she was pleased with the change, but "the decision is to the government's benefit." She said the government feared lost revenues if international students transferred out of the province.

While Québec's tuition fees are currently the lowest in Canada, international students in Québec pay the highest fees in the country. According to Souki, the provincial government uses international fees to make up for lower general fees.

"I've heard students would be willing to transfer schools if international fees went up," said Souki. "They could go to school in the States and have a variety of schools

to choose from for about the same fees."

Other students at McGill still face a 147 per cent hike over the next two years.

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Souki credits McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society and particularly its VP External, Eric Darier, for the pressure it put on the government. McGill has over 2300 international students, the highest number in the province.

Said l'Association Nationale des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec VP Jeff Begley, "The decision

doesn't surprise me. McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society has done a good job of making the issue known and putting the government in a bad position."

McGill VP Planning François Tavenas said pressure from McGill's Senate probably contributed to the government's decision to abandon fee hikes for international students.

Tavenas said senate members sent a letter to education minister Claude Ryan pointing out that 20 per cent of the revenue from a fee hike to international students would go into the loans and bursaries program. Since international stu-

dents are not eligible for such aid, the hike would be unfair, the letter said.

International students are supposed to pay 60 per cent of the \$8000 or so it costs to fund an average full-time student, according to Tavenas. But with tuition fees of \$5800 a year, international students now pay more than 72 per cent of the average cost.

Even without the fee hike, "the situation is still ridiculous," said Begley.

At the McGill Teach-in on February 7, MAIS will address the reasons why the government retracted the fee increase for international students.

Seniors fight Tory greed

by Peter Atto

Québec's senior citizens have mobilized to fight the "financial sabotage proposed" by the federal government.

A coalition of fifteen associations of retired people are fighting the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the proposed tax on old age security payments.

The Québec Coalition of Seniors which represents several hundred thousand Québec seniors, joins the 67 per cent of Canadians who oppose the GST.

GST — THE GREED AND SLAVERY TAX

The Coalition said the G.S.T. — which would impose a seven per cent consumption tax while removing the 13.5 per cent manufacturers tax — will benefit the rich at the expense of the poor.

"The GST will increase poverty and reduce purchasing power," said Carole Klein, from The Golden Age Association, a member of the Coalition.

She said the tax credits for the poor are not indexed to cost of living increases. And there is no guarantee the tax will stay at a rate of seven per cent.

"The link between poverty and poor health has been well established. Seniors who are not in good health will cost governments billions in extra health care dollars," said Jean Woodsworth, president of nationwide senior citizen's network, One Voice.

"Surely our tax system should ensure Canadians pay taxes according to their ability to pay. If increases are imposed on lower and average income Canadians, should we not expect similar increases for wealthy people?" she said.

The Coalition was formed six years ago to fight de-indexation of

pensions. They have submitted reports to the federal government on social security reform and health care legislation that neglects seniors, said Klein.

It has recently demonstrated against proposed pension clawbacks for people earning \$50 000 or more annually.

"The government does not have the right to take something people have paid for over time. This is a surtax on pensions," she said.

The cut-off limit does not take into account cost of living increases. Someone earning \$28 000 a year now will no longer be eligible for old age security payments in 20 years, said Klein.

"The government tells us the program is still universal because everyone receives a cheque. We (the Coalition) say that if you immediately tax it back you destroy universality," said Klein.

Government officials said the clawbacks are unfair but necessary.

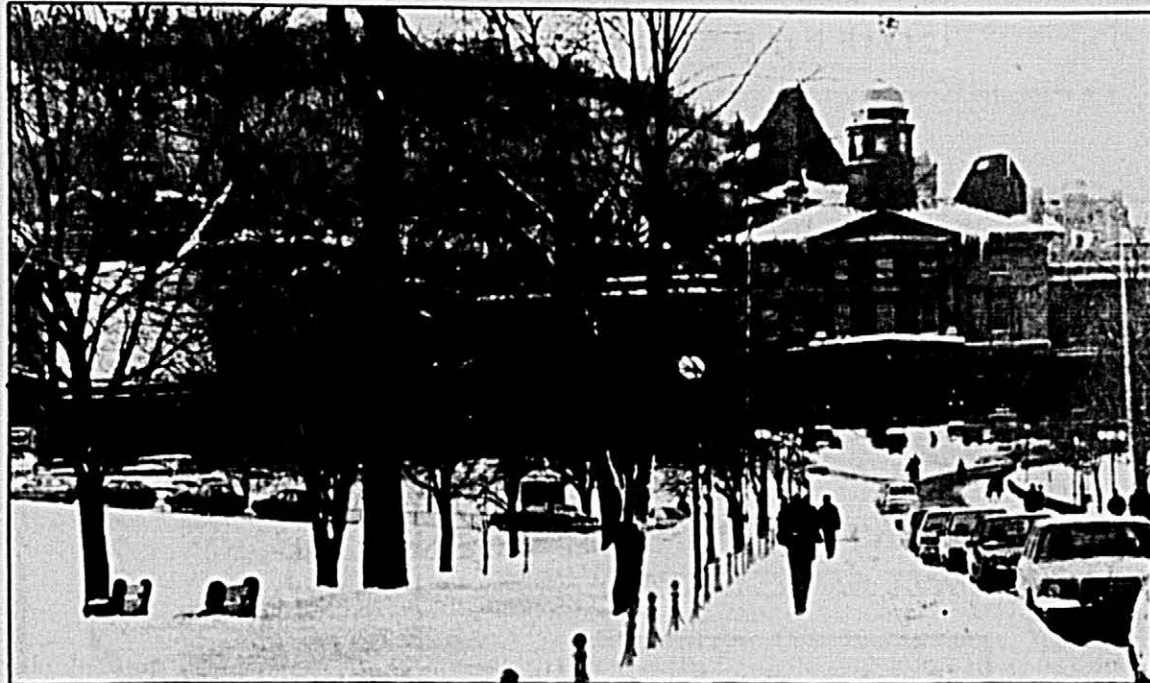
"While the clawback may be unfair and sneaky, it's there," Conservative MP Don Blenkarn, chair of Commons Finance Committee told One Voice.

Klein said pensions in the 50s were limited to seniors over 70 who had to pass a humiliating test to prove need. Even then, support was at "starvation level."

"Young people should also be angry," said Klein. "This is of concern not only to those who are seniors today; it jeopardizes the financial security of tomorrow's older people."

The local offices of the department of Health and Welfare and Revenue Canada both declined to comment.

The coalition has sent a nationwide petition to the Finance Minister. This spring they will rally with other groups against the proposed GST and pension clawbacks.



The palace of privilege: occupancy rates to increase 145 per cent over the next two years.

Non-student senators approve tuition hike:

Senate endorses greed

by Dave McCullough

Despite not receiving official permission from the province, administration and faculty members of McGill's Senate last Wednesday railroaded through proposals for tuition increases over the next two years.

Although student members of Senate argued in favour of maintaining the tuition freeze, the university faculty majority voted to implement the fee increases as early as this summer's session, with a promise that tuition would be indexed to inflation starting in 1992.

The increases — raising tuition fees for McGill students to \$1397 by 1991 — were proposed by VP Planning François Tavenas. He admitted he had not yet received official papers from the provincial government.

Student representatives from Students' Society said no guarantee were provided that the government would maintain its current funding or that the money would go towards student needs.

Graduate student senator Michael Temelini expressed his concerns about the financial effects the increases will have on students.

"It's like asking you to accept a 50 per cent cut in salary," he said, addressing administration and faculty members. "It's ridiculous."

Temelini asked how much of the money would go towards student needs, as opposed to how much would be spent maintaining the current university debt. No senator answered these questions, though Senate is the official body where student concerns on Administration policy are addressed.

McGill administration, eager to approve the fee increase, said fees must rise to convince the government of the university's commitment to solving the underfunding problem.

"This university has longed and argued for this lift in tuition fees," said Principal David Johnston. "To be able to convince the government to pay its fair share, we must have students pay their fair share."

Johnston added that McGill's

total revenue per student is one-sixth that of many North American Universities.

These arguments were refuted by Students' Society VP External John Fox, who told Senate that McGill has a more capable student body than schools with higher fees because "students can afford to go here."

Fox also reminded Senators that "you fund our education, which we are grateful for, as we will fund the education of those who come after us. We, as students, eventually become the taxpayers paying for future students' education."

He urged the government to find "creative solutions" in order to solve the underfunding crisis, stressing the tuition increase can only be a "short-term solution."

McGill's Students' Society will decide what actions they will take to further oppose the fees at a general assembly Wednesday at 15h in Leacock 232. All students are urged to participate.

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Feds put loan bureaucracy on the market

by Chris Lawson
Canadian University Press

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government's plan to privatize the administration of Canada's student loan program has worried some student leaders.

The plan, announced December 15 along with a three per cent administrative fee on student loans taken out after 1991, would also cost about 50 people their jobs.

"I think the privatization would leave students applying for loans open to the criteria of private industry," said Canadian Federation of Students official Catherine Louli.

"Does this mean you won't be able to get student loans unless you have certain marks or are studying in an area that interests private industry?"

Secretary of State official Len Westerberg said the plan was a few years away from happening.

"It's academic right now," he

said. "We have no idea what kind of response we're going to get from the private sector."

"If no one comes forward, then we can deal with it," he added.

"It's processing of loan applications, arranging debt-repayment programs, and general office administration, handled by the program's head office in Hull, Quebec.

"The federal government is trying to unload its financial commitment to the Canadian people," Louli said. "And now they're privatizing the student loan program. Does that mean the next thing is the privatization of education."

The government already uses private collection agencies to chase after students who don't pay on time. Private banks provide the students' loans.

"The average student on the street won't know the difference," Westerberg added.

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Students protest library scheme

by Stephane St-Onge

Armed with pens and paper, McGill students are fighting the closure of yet another library.

Students and staff from the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work are writing letters to the McGill administration asking them not to close their joint library until July 1991 so the matter can be discussed with students.

The University has threatened to relocate the Nursing and Social Work library later this summer, as part of Director of Libraries Eric Ormsby's plan to centralize McGill's library system.

"The decision is being made without consultation with either students or academic staff," said

Director of the School of Nursing, Mary Ellen Jeans.

Jeans said the administration already have their minds set to move the library, as the decision "was made long before discussions were started." Yet Ormsby told the *Daily*

last week there had been no decision on the move.

Both Jeans and Director of the School of Social Work Peter Leonard scrambled to meet with the administration after hearing of the move.

CENTRALIZATION AN IRRITATION

Students said the move is illogical because other McGill libraries have no room for the Nursing and

Social Work collections and students from the schools need study space.

Health Science Area library Committee student member Karen Beckermann said, "I don't know where they would put the students."

Of the library's 39 000 books, the Social Work collection would be moved to the McLennan library, while the Nursing collection would go to the Health Science library of the McIntyre Medical Building.

"There would be implications for the type of service we would get," said Beckermann. Nursing students believe the librarians at the Health Science library would not be able to assist them as well as the Nursing/Social Work librarians.

Brenda Ferguson, Social Work Students' Association Secretary, said, "You cannot separate the medical and social aspects of our fields. We're used to having the

collection together."

Since July 1988, over six libraries have been merged in accordance with Ormsby's plan to centralize McGill's library system. Eventually, Ormsby plans to merge all Health Sciences collections in the McIntyre Building, and all Humanities and Social Sciences in the McLennan library. The aim is to funnel library funds into purchasing books and journals — now plagued by skyrocketing prices.

QPIRG bugs Bourassa over trash troubles

by Neelam Sandhu

A petition circulated with last month's recycling awareness campaign at McGill will be sent to the Québec government to support the expansion of waste recycling programs.

The expansion of recycling at McGill was postponed after the Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG)'s successful Trash Tremor week.

Said QPIRG member Allison Seymour, "the petition should indicate to the province that there is a lot of public support for recycling, and programs should be initiated in response to this."

With public enthusiasm for recycling so high, why is there such a lengthy delay in enactment of programs? Said Seymour, "it is likely that the programs haven't expanded because garbage can be incinerated and landfill sites are still available in Québec, whereas other provinces

have less options.

"The biggest issue is preferential buying policies. Companies can't cover the cost of recycling, as the end-products can't be sold for enough of a profit. We want to stress government support for large industry so that the recycling market can be increased," she said.

Problems with the recycling industry are evident on campus, with overflowing newspaper recycling bins and delays in the implementation of much-needed campus waste recycling programs for glass, tin and plastic.

The petition asks the government to establish preferential buying policies and incentive programs for recycled products. Consumers, companies and municipalities would then buy and reuse recyclable products and support research and development within the recycling industry.

According to Seymour, the

demand for recycling is so high that companies like Récupération Énergie that do collect McGill's paper for recycling cannot cope. QPIRG members hope it will become profitable for recycling companies to pick up McGill's waste and recycle it.

Pierre Marceau, from Québec's Department of Industry and Commerce, said companies who present workable recycling program proposals to them can obtain loans. He also cited a program that is underway to encourage the private sector to generate money for the recycling industry. He said the program brings in \$10 million a year.

But at the level of the individual household, Marceau added, "there is a problem in consumer waste, cleaning up and separating waste in each household."

Presently, QPIRG members are in the midst of organizing a package to send off to the government with the petition and waste management proposals.



comment

No time for concessions

It is disheartening when the leaders of a movement which gains sudden popularity fail, either through inexperience or lack of will, to seize their day.

Reformers in Eastern Europe have diverted the course of history because they recognized an opening and moved. And there is a chance of victory in El Salvador because resisters there refuse to compromise.

But in North America, because our beds are softer and our tyrants subtler, radicals become reformers, reformers become negotiators, negotiators become advisors, and action becomes chatter. A minor but telling case in point is the recent student uprising in British Columbia.

About 70 Simon Fraser University students, supported by 2000 more, staged a two-day occupation of their administration building towards the end of January. SFU students also joined in protest rallies, demonstrations and marches province-wide to protest a six per cent raise in tuition fees.

That might seem like a small raise, especially in contrast to our own imminent 145 per cent hike. But BC students have not had the benefit of a tuition freeze. Their fees have been rising this way every year, without any benefit to the quality of education. So students in Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria cried "Enough! Freeze Our Fees!" with a series of imaginative actions.

Their cause was just, and the students enjoyed the benefits of widespread public support and media attention, including news coverage and a Peter Gzowski interview.

But student council executives and leaders of the Pacific branch of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) called off the protests when SoCred higher education minister Bruce Strachan agreed to "fund a study" into BC's higher education system.

He ruled out a fee freeze immediately, claiming this would be an unacceptable level of government interference with higher education — despite the fact that all facets of education are supposed to be government responsibilities according to the Constitution. CFS

Pacific chair Pam Frache called Strachan's proposal "a reasonable compromise."

Frache and other BC student leaders should not trust this toady of Bill Vanderzalm, the Prince of Privatization, to protect the public interest in education. When a government says they'll do a study, it almost always means they'll do nothing but a study.

By giving in so easily, rather than holding out for a freeze, CFS and BC students squandered their chance of inspiring students across the nation to rise up against the national trend towards privatization.

This week, students at McGill are invited to a general assembly convened by Students' Society to resolve our position on fee hikes and what action we will take. The Québec student movement is trying to pull its disparate parts together and present a common front against the menace from l'Assemblée Nationale, and it's a hell of a pull.

Unless we take strong, consistent and united action, the kind of action proposed by l'Association National des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec (ANÉÉQ), the Bourassa government will, rightly, conclude we are splintered and ineffectual. Claude Ryan's scheme for education will proceed on schedule, and we will all lose by it — not just students currently in universities and CEGEPs, but everyone who might ever want to attend them, and everyone who sees higher education as a public good.

We should learn from our western siblings' errors and voice our opinions loudly, incessantly, until the din shames the puppetmasters into abandoning their strings. Studies and promises are a sham.

Student leaders should hear in the tenor of administrators and politicians that principle means nothing to our academic bosses. They see us as babies with bloated brainpans. But we have an opportunity now to rattle the bars of our crib, to break them and walk through.

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letters

Take a look downunder

To the Daily:

The Australian system of tuition repayment in higher education, which was mentioned recently in the *Daily*, should be looked at very seriously in the current debate over fee increases in Québec. Introduced just two years ago, this system could provide a useful model for fair and flexible education funding in Québec.

The Australian system recovers some of the cost of tertiary education from graduates but does so without entry fees or student loans. Instead the payment is made through the income tax system when graduates reach the average income level. A 1 per cent surcharge is imposed on their income tax. This remains until approximately 20% of the cost of the average degree is recouped. Should a graduate's income at any time fall below this level, the surcharge is suspended. Graduates who never attain the average income or above do not pay for their education so non-vocational studies are not discouraged.

This scheme recognizes that higher education is a social and an individual benefit. It does not make individual graduates pay for the whole of their education. But when they begin to reap significant financial rewards from it, they are made to contribute to the education budget. This seems fairer than

having ordinary tax payers finance the education system completely.

Students only pay for their education when they can afford to, which mitigates the disincentive effects of facing a large loan repayment on graduation.

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A note from the Ministry of Truth

To the Daily:

Re: "Radical Reform is the remedy to underfunding," Hyde Park, January 31.

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The letter from CAPE was the third letter we received that week. Due to space limitations, we were only able to print the first two. We intended to print the letter in the Tribune of February 6. Contrary to your implication, politics played absolutely no part in our decision to hold the letter for a week.

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New McGill-based literacy group looking for help

The ability to read and write is an essential one and one which most Canadians are fortunate enough to be able to take for granted. Yet there are over a million people in Canada who, because poverty forced them to drop out of school, because they were pegged as 'slow-learners', or because they never received the support and encouragement necessary to continue their studies, are functionally illiterate. Twenty eight per cent of the Québec population is functionally illiterate, and, on a more local level, more than 350 000 Montréal adults lack the basic reading and writing skills.

Illiteracy robs an adult of the joy of reading, it closes the doors to better jobs and education, and it destroys the adult's self-confidence. Illiteracy also places the illiterate in personal jeopardy, as he or she is

unable to read warnings on products, directions on roads, and dosages on medicines.

Despite the seriousness of the problem and the number of illiterate adults in Montréal, only one literacy council (a group trained to tutor literacy) existed in this city. This council, called RECLAIM, worked and does work to tutor as many illiterate adults as it can, but underfunding has prevented the agency from expanding to meet the need for tutoring in Montréal. Realizing that RECLAIM alone can not meet the needs of the community, we, a group of McGill students, have formed Montréal's second literacy council.

Our group is trained by and is recognized by the national tutoring agency Laubach Literacy of Canada. We have thirty McGill students trained to tutor illiterate adults, and

many other students are interested in taking the twelve hour training session and becoming tutors. The group is now in the process of creating ties with community groups, prisons, churches and shelters, letting them know that a volunteer agency exists to help teach illiterate adults. Once students are found, McGill tutors and illiterate adults will be matched up, and the tutors will be tutoring for approximately four hours a week.

Our group is now seeking to become an integrated part of the McGill Society. We applied in October to become a Literacy Club with the Students' Society. The SSMU has given us the runaround, sending us to specific faculties in search of a home. We essentially require space to shelve books, a telephone so that people can contact us, and funding to advertise, run tutor workshops

and buy teaching materials. We realize the problem of lack of space at McGill, but we hope that some can be found for our endeavor. The Department of English Students' Association (DESA) is the first group which has offered us help instead of simply saying that our idea is a good one and sending us on our way. DESA has offered us recognition as a McGill group and has offered to look into space and funding for us. We are thankful for the support and interest which DESA has shown and we hope to be working with them in the future.

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'Drug' war hits Colombian activists

As the United States pumps up its "war on drugs" in Latin America, suspicion grows that the effort is merely a cover for a *real* war — on nationalist movements and social activists there.

Following December's U.S. invasion of Panama, Latin American leaders were vocal in their condemnation of increasing U.S. military and economic intervention in its backlot 'playground'.

The *Daily* interviewed Marco Polo Valencia, a prominent Colombian social activist, who spoke during Development Week about the drug war, the Colombian guerrilla group M-19, and other Latin American issues.

by Alex Roslin and Joyce Lombardi

Daily: Why is M-19 one of the most successful rebel groups in Colombia?

Valencia: The M-19 is not well-known in the Western media, although it has years of experience mobilizing farmers and workers. It has waged armed struggle since 1974. It is effective in articulating the people's concerns, and adapting to changing political situations.

The United States recently threatened to blockade Colombian shores to stop drug shipments. How have Colombians reacted to the U.S. drug war?

Colombians have their own integrity, their own problems. They are the best judges of their own people. The Americans are using the drug war as an excuse to send arms shipments, to send troops and to block frontiers. But the American greed for drugs is the real problem. American banks finance the traffickers. If the drug trade didn't exist, Florida's economy would collapse, because \$80 billion in deposits there are drug-related.

Yet the Americans do nothing at home. Instead, the U.S. recently stopped funding cocaine-replacement plans to grow other crops in Colombia. They even lowered the price of coffee by 60 per cent. Now the price for coffee is the same as in 1949.

Colombia is one of the world's worst human-rights violators. Amnesty International reported 2000 death-squad killings last year. How has increased U.S. aid to the army changed the M-19's struggle?

M-19's struggle hasn't changed. The United States increasingly supplies arms to Colombia through third parties. It has its best diplomatic ties in Israel and Britain. Mercenaries who work with the death squads are often Israelis and the British. And they don't shoot at the oligarchy or the army. They shoot at the Left. The U.S. uses the excuse of the drug trade to lead a so-called low-intensity war against the various leftist movements in the name of the drug war.

The high level of involvement of former members of the Israeli army with the drug traffickers finally surfaced in the Western media when it was discovered that Manuel Noriega's top aide was an ex-officer of the Israeli Defense Force.

Yes, there's also a high level of logistical support both to the drug lords and the government from Israel. The drug lords have an incredible amount of money for arms and to train troops. But we can't excuse the involvement of the U.S. in encouraging Israel.

Are the links strong between the drug lords and the army and government?

The economy is living on narco-traffickers' dollars. They fund the elections, they paid for Colombia's soccer team at the World Cup. We can't draw a line between the government and drugs. The lives

of Colombians are completely imprinted by narco-dollars.

There are reports U.S. soldiers are directly involved in the war, leading Colombian troops in battles. To what extent does the U.S. control the Colombian army, like in El Salvador? Is this another Vietnam?

The situation is different from El Salvador. There's not as much help from the U.S. to the government. Colombians are more nationalist, so they don't allow as much interference. But it's true the U.S. army is giving the government and the military more logistical help. Recently, an army attack on FARC (the other major rebel group) was aided by U.S. support planes, keeping watch on the guerrillas.

The M-19 is mobilizing Colombians with an imaginative manipulation of the media. In 1985, the M-19 made headlines by taking over the Palace of Justice in Bogota. Did they expect the army would invade the Justice building and kill government workers?

No, it was a great catastrophe. There were 140 killed, including many government workers. The judges and other functionaries had asked the army not to attack the building. The army even ignored a Presidential order. The attack happened at the time of an investigation of the army for death-squad killings. During the attack, many records were destroyed important to the investigation. That was quite convenient for the army.

Did the action cost the M-19 support among Colombians?

I think the people saw the army wasn't only aiming at the M-19. It attacked the Palace to destroy the records for the investigation of the army.

The government seems more willing to negotiate now. Does the army support the talks?

The army continues to not recognize the guerrillas, they dismiss them as communists. The army still kills students, union members — it hasn't changed from last year.

Is there much difference between the two existing large political parties?

Not at all. They signed a pact in the 1940s to alternate power every four years. That's now in the constitution, and the M-19 is trying to change it in the negotiations. Last December, the M-19 was in the door — a referendum on the constitution was planned in February.

But the drug traffickers pressured members of the Colombian Senate to include on the referendum a proposition to extradite convicted drug criminals to the U.S. The two questions were to be voted on together, so the M-19 withdrew support. The referendum collapsed.



"The action on the Palace of Justice was a demand for justice and dignity. It was carried out with the power of weapons, so we would be heard," Alvaro Fayad Delgado, Comandante General (assassinated March 13, 1986).

What else do you expect from the negotiations?

They're talking about the constitutional changes, and about social change, to achieve a respect for people's lives and end the violence. We're trying to open up a space for a

popular political party — it's a new direction for the struggle. But it remains dangerous to work on a political front. Death squads killed 1300 officials of the existing left-of-centre party over the last two years. They don't expect it will be easy.

History of the M-19

The M-19, one of six Colombian guerrilla movements, emerged in 1974 out of a symbolic act: the group repossessed from the National Museum a sword used by Simon Bolivar to free five countries from Spanish colonial rule.

"Colombians were no longer free — it was time for a new, real liberation," said Marco Polo Valencia, speaking in last week's Development Week.

Since 1986, 11 000 Colombians have been disappeared and 1300 killed. These numbers exclude union and peasant organization members, who are left off the official count. For 37 of the past 40 years, Colombia has been under a state of siege.

"Violence has become daily bread in Colombia," said Valencia.

"Today the mass movement in Colombia is undergoing a new phase. It is weak from the intense repression, there is no clear leadership and people are either misinformed or not informed at all," he continued.

The M-19 is proposing concrete government policy changes as a means of regaining control of the mass movement. They fear that moving the armed struggle into the streets would only strengthen the backlash

from the establishment.

"The government's objective is to clear the path for institutional reform. Part of the mass movement supports this, for example through dialogue and concentration tables. It is with this part of the mass movement that they will organize politically, and then arrange to participate in the upcoming May elections," said Valencia.

But the M-19 is urging other guerrilla groups to continue with armed struggle and maintain control over the areas where they already have mass support.

"They will try to participate in the democratic process, but there are no guarantees that it will occur," he said.

Democracy in Colombia has been distorted in recent years by U.S. interests in the drug money that flows through the country, Valencia said. The M-19 opposed recent constitutional changes requiring drug charge detainees to be extradited to the States.

Valencia requested in closing that Canadians urge the Organization of American States and the Colombian government to respect future agreements made between the Colombian people and 'their' government.

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